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My Dear Collier

I am afraid that
I furnish a large quantity of
material for a particular sort
of pavement. I no sooner saw
your letter in the Athenaeum on
the subject of reprinting rare and
curious books, than I entertained
the intention of writing to you to
tender my subscription. But that
intention has hitherto remained
I P Collier Esq

unrepented. Is it too late to be
of any value now? If not, be
kind enough to put down my
name on your list - and tell me
when and where I am to make
the payments.

I hear of you sometimes -
and sometimes think I shall make
a rush down to your neighbourhood

and visit you. I suppose that all
about you now looks beautifully
bright and attractive. I have
seen a little of Europe and ^{some of}
what are the celebrated spots in
it, and I must confess that
the more I have seen the more
have I inclined to admiration
of England. And it is no slight
counterbalance to the cloudy skies

and frequent rains of which we
complain, that they furnish to us
such trees and such meadows as we
possess. Different colors cannot, with
critical correctness, be compared together, except
so far as the amount of pleasure which
given by each to the beholder. On that ground
I have, in a letter just written to
Constantinople, put the pleasure given to me
by the existing brilliancy of our trees & fields with
that which I received from the sight of sky & waters
at the Bosphorus. Kindest regards and wishes to you
Yours sincerely C. Clark